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FORMER MANAGER AT FORT HUACHUCA BOWLING CENTER INDICTED FOR THEFT OF GOVERNMENT FUNDS

TUCSON, Ariz. -- The U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Arizona announced that on June 1, 2005, a federal grand jury in Tucson returned a two-count indictment against Randall (Randy) Scott Carter, 38, formerly of Sierra Vista, Ariz. A federal arrest warrant has been issued for Carter due to his relocation to the Philadelphia area.

The indictment alleges that from October 2002 until October 2004, Carter, a former manager of the Fort Huachuca, Ariz. bowling center, stole approximately \$62,000 in funds belonging to the Morale, Welfare and Recreation (MWR) Fund which was entitled to all receipts of the bowling center. The MWR Fund is intended to provide a variety of services to military service members. The loss was discovered during a detailed audit directed by the Fort Huachuca Garrison Commander in the fall of 2004. The indictment charges that this audit revealed that approximately \$62,000 in cash receipts were taken by Carter from the operations of the bowling center's bowling alley, pro shop, amusement arcade and the "change fund."

Carter is charged with violating Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 641, Theft of Public Money, Property or Records, and Title 18, U.S. Code, Section 648, Misuse of Public Funds by a Custodian. A conviction for either offense carries a maximum penalty of ten years in prison, a \$250,000 fine or both.

An indictment is simply the method by which a person is charged with criminal activity and raises no inference of guilt. An individual is presumed innocent until competent evidence is presented to a jury that establishes guilt beyond a reasonable doubt.

The investigation preceding the indictment was conducted by the Fort Huachuca Criminal Investigation Division, 11th Military Police Battalion, Fort Huachuca, Ariz.

The prosecution is being handled by Danny N. Roetzel, Assistant U.S. Attorney, District of Arizona, Tucson, Ariz.

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